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NOTE VERBALE DATED 15 DECEMBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 10 and 12 December 1993, there appear to have been 11 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appear to have been four flights on 6 and 9 December 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,050.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(10-12 December 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1062	10 Dec.	0900	0902	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft made visual contact with a helicopter heading west, 25 kilometres east of Sarajevo. The helicopter landed 10 kilometres east of Sarajevo. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	West 150 knots Low
1063/4	10 Dec.	1211	1212	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with two white MI-8/HIP helicopters 10 kilometres north of Sarajevo, heading south-west. These unauthorized flights occurred in a contested area.	South-west Slow 1,000 feet
1065	10 Dec.	1700	1737	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres east of Mostar, heading north. Fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with a MI-8/HIP. The helicopter was shadowed until 20 kilometres north-east of Posusje, where contact was lost. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various 120 knots 3,500 feet
1066/7	11 Dec.	1035	1036	United Nations military observers observed two Gazelles overfly checkpoint A1. These unauthorized flights occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	West Slow Low
1068	11 Dec.	1115	1116	United Nations military observers in Tuzla observed a MI-8/HIP land at the Tuzla Hospital. The helicopter took off again shortly and left the area. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Muslims.	Unknown Slow Low
1069	12 Dec.	1010	1020	AWACS and NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact 45 kilometres south-east of Bihac. The fighter aircraft lost radar contact 2 kilometres west of Zaluzani (a heliport 10 kilometres north of Banja Luka). The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Low
1070	12 Dec.	1115	1116	UNPROFOR personnel observed a MI-8/HIP being loaded with wounded people and then taking off from the Rumbochi field hospital. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Slow Low
1071	12 Dec.	1157	1158	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a green helicopter (MD-500) taking off from the Posusje football field, heading north. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North Slow Low
1072	12 Dec.	1325	1326	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a helicopter landing at the Posusje football field. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Landing Slow Low

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Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(6 and 9 December 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1058	6 Dec.	1405	1406	NATO fighter aircraft were able to make visual contact with a helicopter flying 22 kilometres south-west of Bijeljina. The fighters left for operational reasons. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west Unknown Unknown
1059	9 Dec.	0900	0901	Serial No. 365 began as an approved medical evacuation from Pale to Zvornik and return. The flight is a violation because the Bosnian Serb Army authorities refused United Nations military observers access to the Zvornik landing zone to perform the required inspection. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Low
1060	9 Dec.	1320	1321	European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) personnel observed a MI-8/HIP land at the military barracks in Zenica. Twelve persons in civilian clothes disembarked. ECMM personnel also noticed many cube-shaped boxes about to be loaded onto the helicopter. The local Bosnia and Herzegovina Liaison Officer stated that the boxes contained medical supplies. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Muslims.	Unknown Slow Low
1061	9 Dec.	1400	1401	Serial No. 367 began as an approved medical evacuation from Pale to Zvornik and return. The flight later violated the ban because it did not follow the approved route. United Nations military observers at Zvornik were told that the flight went direct to Belgrade. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Low

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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 13 and 16 December 1993, there appear to have been 12 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as Annex I to this note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,062.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(13 - 16 December 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
1073	13 Dec	10.45	10.46	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact on a dark green helicopter 13 kilometres south of Zvornik heading east. The helicopter was followed for approximately 4 kilometres before crossing the border into Serbia. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East Unknown 2000 feet
1074	13 Dec	11.00	11.09	ECMM Mostar observed a green camouflaged MI-8/HIP land approximately 1 kilometre from their office. The helicopter was observed to depart 9 minutes later. The unauthorized flight occurred in a contested area.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
1075	13 Dec	11.02	11.03	United Nations Military Observers observed a MI-8/HIP take off from Pale. This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC No. 369 from Pale to Zvornik. The helicopter never arrived in Zvornik. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Unknown Unknown
1076	13 Dec	11.13	Not reported	AWACS made radar contact 60 kilometres west of Banja Luka heading east. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact on a helicopter. The helicopter landed 25 kilometres west of Banja Luka. One minute later the helicopter took off heading east and landed just south of Banja Luka. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East 130 knots 2300 feet
1077	13 Dec	14.50	15.16	NATO fighter aircraft gained visual contact on a white MI-8/HIP with a blue stripe and red cross 12 kilometres south of Zenica. The helicopter proceeded northeast and landed at Tuzla. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Muslims.	Northeast Unknown Unknown
1078	13 Dec	16.00	16.01	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white MI-8/HIP with a blue stripe landing 3 kilometres west of Tuzla. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Muslims.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
1079	13 Dec	11.50	11.51	United Nations Military Observers in Banja Kovaljaca observed one MI-8/HIP flying north over Zvornik. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Unknown Unknown
				[14 Dec: no violations reported]	
1080	15 Dec	08.08	08.42	United Nations Military Observers at Surcin made radar contact 20 kilometres south of Zepa, heading southeast initially, and then mainly northeast. Radar contact was lost 30 kilometres southeast of Valjevo (FRY). The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Variable Variable Unknown

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SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
1081	16 Dec	00.23	00.41	AWACS made radar contact 15 kilometres east of Posusje heading northwest. The radar contact was lost 65 kilometres northwest of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Northwest Unknown 136 knots
1082	16 Dec	00.48	00.54	AWACS made radar contact 17 kilometres southeast of Gorni Vakuf heading west. The radar contact was lost 12 kilometres southeast of Gorni Vakuf. The unauthorized flight occurred in a contested area.	West Unknown 99 knots
1083	16 Dec	11.05	11.08	United Nations Military Observers from Banja Luka observed a MI-8/HIP, tail No. 12264, take off from Banja Luka hospital heading north. The HIP subsequently landed at Zaluzani. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow Low
1084	16 Dec	11.52	12.04	United Nations Military Observers from Banja Luka observed a MI-8/HIP, tail No. 12365, take off from Zaluzani heading south. The HIP subsequently landed at the Banja Luka hospital. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South Slow Low